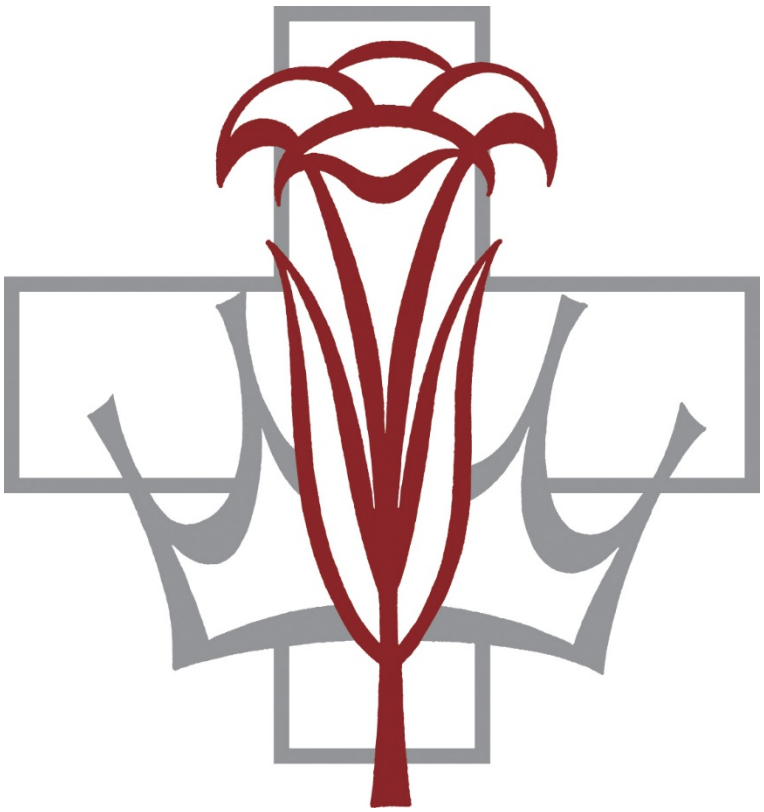
In memoriam

Ursula Bell

1939 – 2021



St. Philip's Anglican Church

Vancouver, British Columbia

Saturday 11 December 2021

2:00 pm

Welcome to St. Philip's Anglican Church. We are grateful that you have come to honour Ursula's memory, to receive God's comfort, peace, and strength in music, spoken word, and community, and to offer your support and care to each other as Ursula's dear family and friends. We pray that St. Philip's can be a place and people of solace, assurance, and encouragement to you today.

These are extraordinary times for us all—times in which, with the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes, we say,

> "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time for silence and a time to speak; a time for war and a time for peace" *(Ecclesiastes 3 NRSV)*.

So much has changed, yet the things that truly matter are constant and immoveable: God loves us, and we love him, and because of that Love, we love and care for each other. In this spirit of love and care, during these extraordinary times, we warmly and kindly ask that you please:

- maintain a safer physical distance, as you are able, between yourself or your cohort grouping and other attendees while seated;
- wear a face mask covering nose, mouth, and chin;
- frequently use the hand sanitizer stations located throughout the church;
- Ask for assistance from vergers and sidespersons—we're very happy to be of assistance.

"God loved us before he made us;
and his love has never diminished
and never shall."

"And all shall be well.
And all shall be well.
And all manner of things
shall be exceedingly well."

Juliana of Norwich (1343–1416)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Nimrod *from "Enigma Variations"* *Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

All stand as they are able for the hymn.

Processional Hymn CP 565 – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

The Greeting

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Sentences of Comfort

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38–39 NRSV*

The Remembrances *Dr. Maria Chung, York House School*
The Rev. Lorne Manweiler on behalf of the Bell family

The Collect

Priest Let us pray.
O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all, grant us, with your servant Ursula and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-3..... *The Good News of deliverance.*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. *NRSV*

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 CP 519 – "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-7 .....*Heavenly citizenship.*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water

of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. *NRSV*

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Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of Acclamation CP 31 – "Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Holy Gospel John 14:1-6.....*Jesus gives true rest.*

[Jesus said,] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." *NRSV*

Priest The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Priest Let us confess the faith of our Baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Priest Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Priest May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Priest Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Priest Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Priest Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Priest Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Priest Grant us grace to entrust Ursula to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favour you bear for your people.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest Gathering all our cares into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Commendation

Priest Give rest, O Christ,

All **to your servants with your saints,**
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Priest You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;
And we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.
For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
"You are dust, and to dust you shall return."
All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song:

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.**

Priest Give rest, O Christ,

All **to your servants with your saints,**
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The priest, facing the urn, says,

Priest Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Ursula.
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive her into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All **Amen.**

Blessing and Benediction

Priest The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

People **Blessed is the Lord, our strength and our salvation.**

Priest May the arm of God strengthen you; *Bishop Reindorp Mission, St. Philip's, 1979*
The mind of God enlighten you;
The joy of God inspire you;
The heart of God enfold you;
The peace of God be with you.

And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Rest upon you in work by day
And in your home by night
Now and always.

All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn CP 425 – "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Postlude *Toccata* from Symphonie No. 5, Op. 42 *Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

Following the service, all are invited to proceed to the Parish Hall for a reception.

The family will proceed to the Memorial Garden for the Committal service.

Thank you for your attendance today
and for all the kind messages of sympathy and support.
Many thanks also extend to the Jones Girls of St. Philip's Anglican Church
for so generously hosting the reception this afternoon.

The Committal

Celebrant Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. *John 6:37 NRSV*

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. *Psalm 16:9 NRSV*

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. *Psalm 16:9 NRSV*

The urn is laid to its resting place.

Celebrant In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our sister Ursula, and we commit her body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of grace and glory, we thank you for Ursula, who was so near and dear to us, and who has now been taken from us.

We thank you for the friendship she gave and for the strength and peace she brought.

We thank you for the love she offered and received while she was with us on earth.

We pray that nothing good in this woman's life will be lost, but will be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to her will be respected by those who follow; and that everything in which she was great will continue to mean much to us now that she is dead.

We ask you that she may go on living in her students, her family and her friends; in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their consciences.

We ask you that we who were close to her may now, because of her death, be even closer to each other, and that we may, in peace and friendship here on earth, always be deeply conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death.

We pray for ourselves, who are severely tested by this death, that we do not try to minimize this loss, or seek refuge from it in words alone, and also that we do not brood over it so that it overwhelms us and isolates us from others.

May God grant us courage and confidence in the new life of Christ.

We ask this in the name of the risen Lord.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.
People **And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

Celebrant May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
People **Amen.**

The celebrant dismisses the people with these words.

Celebrant May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.
People **Amen.**

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

In Our Lord's Service This Afternoon

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